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NC ABC COMMISSION WELCOMES NEW COMMISSIONER AND TAKES ACTION ON 56 HEARING CASES

RALEIGH – The Honorable Allen M. Thomas, mayor of Greenville, was appointed in January to the North Carolina ABC Commission and today participated in his first meeting as a commissioner. He joins Chairman A.D. "Zander" Guy and Commissioner Daniel L. Briggs on the three-member body that regulates all alcohol in the state.

During its regular monthly meeting today, the Commission took action on 56 hearing violations, imposing penalties and fines of approximately \$67,000 on representatives of retail bars, restaurants, groceries and clubs found to be in violation of ABC laws and rules. In addition to the fines, many of the violations resulted in suspensions of permits for five days or more. The fines are to be paid by February 8, 2013, with suspensions beginning February 15, 2013. Fines benefit the local school systems where the violations occurred.

In other business, the Commission held a public hearing on proposed rule changes to 04 NCAC 02S.0228, which requires permit holders to comply with federal and state food safety requirements.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The commission oversees more than 25,000 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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